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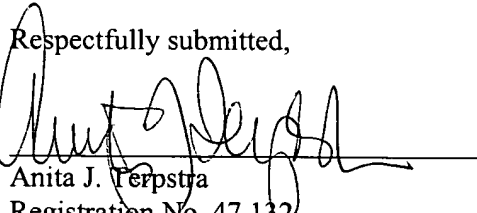
STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants inquire as to the status of the application. The application was filed on December 2, 2003. Applicants have still not received an office action regarding this patent application. Applicants would appreciate receiving a telephone or written communication indicating when Applicant can expect to receive a first office action.

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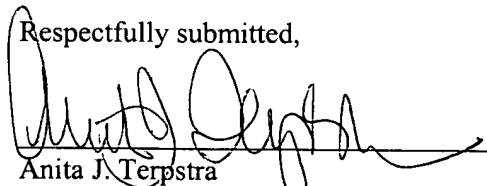
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Dear Sir:

1. In regard to the above identified application,  
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